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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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August 12, 2014

Subject: Public Health and Safety and Slope Stability Issues Associated with Blasting in North Salt Lake Area

Granite Construction, Whitehill Mine, S/011/0004

Lakeview Rock Products, Beck Street Quarry, M/035/0020

Lakeview Rock Products, Thomas Pit, M/011/0002

Lakeview Rock Products, UDOT Beck Street, M/011/0003

Staker & Parsons Companies, Beck Street M/035/0019

Staker & Parsons Companies, Falcon Ridge Quarry, S/035/0031

Utah Sand and Gravel, North Salt Lake, S/035/0045

Dear Sirs:

The City of North Salt Lake has expressed concern to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining that blasting in the area could further destabilize the slope where a land slide occurred recently.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Acts states in 40-8-17 (1):

The approval of a notice of intention shall not relieve the operator from responsibility to comply with all other applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances, including but not limited to, those applying to safety, air and water pollution, and public liability and property damage.

Rules R647-3-107.1 and R647-4-107.1 require that the operator “. . . minimize hazards to the public safety and welfare during operations.”

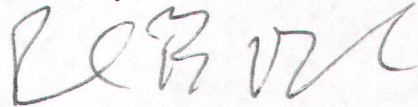
Blasting must be designed in a manner to limit vibration to appropriate levels as necessary to minimize hazards to the public safety and welfare, and the Division recommends that operators in the area use seismic monitors. Blasting that violates the standards in the Act or R647 rules would be cause for the Division to issue a cessation order. Any blasting at all may be perceived by the public as exacerbating the existing situation.



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The Division appreciates your cooperation. Please contact me at 801-538-5261 if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Baker' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Baker  
Minerals Program Manager

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing letter regarding public health and safety and slope stability issues associated with blasting in North Salt Lake Area to be sent via first class mail, postage prepaid, the 13<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2014 to:

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84130

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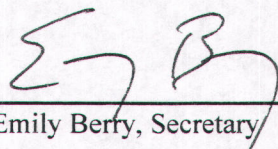
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Emily Berry, Secretary